



File Code: 1950
Date: August 18, 2017

Dear Planning Participant:

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the Camp Lick Project. We have considered public comments and have prepared a final environmental assessment (FEA) and draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact (draft DN/FONSI) for the project. My draft decision includes approximately 12,430 acres of silviculture and activity fuels treatments, 2,300 acres of riparian and upland watershed restoration treatments, 32,080 acres of prescribed burning and unplanned ignitions, 10.5 miles of temporary road construction, 312 miles of road maintenance for haul, 3.8 miles of road opening, 26.3 miles of road closure, 3.9 miles of road decommissioning, 0.7 miles of road relocation, confirmation of 12.8 miles of road closures, installation of one interpretive sign, and 3.6 miles of fence construction. This project also includes forest plan amendments to change old growth boundaries to bring these areas up to Malheur Forest Plan standards, allow removal of trees greater than or equal to 21 inches diameter at breast height, and allow harvest in late and old structure stands.

The draft DN/FONSI is based on meeting the purpose and need of the project, balancing multiple use objectives on the forest, and the effects analysis in the Camp Lick Project FEA. These documents are available on the Malheur National forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46219>. Copies of the FEA and draft DN/FONSI are available at the Malheur National Forest Supervisor's Office/Blue Mountain Ranger District, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, OR 97845. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Hannah Smith, NEPA Planner, 541-575-3031, hannahksmith@fs.fed.us.

The draft DN/FONSI is subject to an objection process pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 218. The regulations at 36 CFR 218 provide an opportunity for individuals and organizations to file an objection to a project before the final decision is signed. This allows interested individuals and organizations to share their concerns regarding the draft decision with the deciding official before the final decision is made.

Objections will only be accepted from individuals and entities as defined in 36 CFR 218.2 who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during the 30-day scoping period or comment period on the preliminary environmental assessment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based upon previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project, unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm, excluding Federal holidays). Objections may be mailed to: Regional Forester, Objection Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn: 1570 Objections, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623. For emailed objections, email: objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Please put OBJECTION and the project name in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word format (.doc), rich text format (.rtf) or portable document format (.pdf) only.



For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. Objections may also be hand-delivered to the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204, between 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays). Objections may also be faxed to: Regional Forester, Attn: 1570: Objections, at 503-808-2339.

Objections must be postmarked or received by the Reviewing Officer, Regional Forester, within 45 days following publication of notice of the objection filing period in the Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day, OR. The publication date in the Blue Mountain Eagle is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other sources. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. The Forest expects the legal notice to be published on August 23, 2017.

Specific directions on how to file an objection are provided in 36 CFR 218.8. (A printed copy is available upon request).

The objection must contain the minimum required content requirements specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)):

1. The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available;
2. A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection);
3. When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request);
4. The names of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the names(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented;
5. A description of the aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable; how the objector believe the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and
6. A statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity, and the content of the objection.

Objections will be subject to review by a reviewing officer. Because the responsible official for the Camp Lick Project is Steve Beverlin, the Malheur National Forest Supervisor, the reviewing officer will be the Regional Forester.

The objection process may include an opportunity for the objector to meet with the reviewing officer and responsible official, with the objective of resolving the concerns expressed in the objection.

The responsible official cannot sign the final decision until the reviewing officer has responded in writing to all pending objections, and the decision must be consistent with any instructions issued by the reviewing officer. After the objection process concludes, there will be no additional opportunity for administrative review or appeal. The final decision will be the final administrative decision by the agency.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Malheur National Forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven K. Beverlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" being more prominent than the last name "Beverlin".

STEVEN K. BEVERLIN
Forest Supervisor